



Ready for Prime Time: Republican Debate Field Set

Republican presidential candidates, from left, Lindsey Graham, Ben Carson, John Kasich, Chris Christie, Bobby Jindal, Jeb Bush, Scott Walker and Rick Santorum speak among themselves after a forum Monday, Aug. 3, 2015, in Manchester, N.H.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Billionaire businessman Donald Trump has made the cut for Thursday night's lead-

off debate of the 2016 presidential race, joined by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and seven other Re-

publican contenders. Seven others will be excluded, including former technology executive Carly Fiorina and former Texas Gov. Rick

Perry, relegated to a pre-debate forum and second-tier status in the party's crowded field. Fox News announced the 10 Repub-

lican White House hopefuls who will take part in the debate.

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Trump, after launching his campaign with a speech that labeled Mexican immigrants as “criminals” and “rapists,” was initially thought to have no chance in the race, but the latest polls show him far outdistancing the top-tier mainstream Republican candidates. However, his negative numbers in the polls are also high and most observers remain skeptical about his chances of securing the nomination. Beyond Trump, those selected among the top 10 — based on recent national polls — include Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Ohio Gov. John Kasich. Making the cut could boost the chances of lesser-known candidates like Kasich.

The debate will be a key test for Trump. Some polls show his backing has grown to nearly double that of Bush, the brother and son of presidents. Those who didn't make the field for the first debate include Fiorina, the party's only female presidential candidate, Perry, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Gra-

ham, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, former New York Gov. George Pataki and former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore.

The announcement comes after the Republican Party that worked aggressively to improve its debates ahead of the election season. Yet with the largest field of contenders in modern memory, organizers say something had to give to ensure the debate in Cleveland didn't turn into a nationally televised circus.

“We never ever envisioned we'd have 17 major candidates,” said Steve Duprey, New Hampshire's representative to the Republican National Committee who helped craft the debate plan. “There's no perfect solution.”

Republican officials worked closely with TV executives, although the networks have the final say about which candidates will be allowed on stage for their televised events.

Fox News is the host of Thursday's event, the first of six party-sanctioned debates before primary voting begins in February. The network says it used a selection of national polls to make this week's cut.

Republican officials were particularly concerned about Fiorina's status, hoping she would help balance Hillary Rodham Clinton's push to rally women to her candidacy. Trump's



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at a rally and picnic in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Since the beginning of June, Donald Trump has received more coverage on the broadcast network evening newscasts than all of the other candidates for president combined. The ABC, CBS and NBC evening newscasts spent 114 minutes on campaign coverage from the beginning of June through the end of last week, and Trump was the focus of 60 of them.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

recent surge in the polls was particularly damaging to Fiorina. The reality television star's rapid rise has surprised many Republican officials, some of whom fear his rhetoric on immigration and other divisive issues could hurt the party. In a Tuesday interview, Trump said he's been defying expectations all his life.

“I think people are tired, they're sick and tired of incompetent politicians,” he said on MSNBC's “Morning Joe” when asked to explain his rise.

Fox didn't say before Tuesday's announcement which polls it would use to determine its top 10. Many candidates are grouped

together in the single digits, most separated by a number smaller than the margin of error.

For example, in a Monmouth University survey released Monday, Kasich was the 10th candidate with the support of 3.2 percent of voters.

But after taking the margin of error into account, Monmouth noted that Kasich's support could be as low as 1.5 percent, while almost any of the candidates who polled lower could be that high or higher.

Monmouth found that only five candidates — Trump, Bush, Walker, Cruz and Huckabee — were definitely in the top tier of candi-

dates, while just two — Pataki and Gilmore — would not make it into the top 10 even when margin of error was taken into account.

All but three of the 17 Republican candidates for president participated in a New Hampshire forum Monday night that was essentially a “debate lite.” Unlike Thursday's nationally televised debate in Cleveland, the gathering didn't have a cut-off for participation.

Without exception, the candidates aimed their criticism at Democrats instead of each other. Trump declined to participate and wasn't mentioned during the two-hour affair. □

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Obama, Netanyahu make dueling appeals on Iran deal to US Jews

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made dueling appeals to the American Jewish community Tuesday as they sought to rally support for their opposing positions on the Iranian nuclear deal. Netanyahu made his case in a live webcast with more than 10,000 participants, according to the U.S. Jewish groups that organized the event. The prime minister railed against the agreement to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for billions of dollars in sanctions relief, calling it a "bad deal" that leaves Tehran on the brink of a bomb.

"The nuclear deal with Iran doesn't block Iran's path to the bomb," he said. "It actually paves Iran's path to the bomb."

Netanyahu, one of the fiercest critics of the nuclear accord, also disputed Obama's assertion that opponents of the diplomatic deal favor war. He called that assertion "utterly false," saying Israel wants peace, not war.

Obama held a private meeting at the White House later Tuesday with Jewish leaders — some who support the deal, some who oppose it, and others whose organizations are undecided.

The direct appeals from Obama and Netanyahu come amid an intense lobbying campaign on Capitol Hill, where lawmakers plan to vote on the nuclear deal next month. The vote will be one of Congress' most significant national security decisions in recent years.

The White House is preparing for the likelihood that lawmakers will vote against the deal and is focusing its lobbying efforts on getting enough Democrats to sustain a veto. Only one chamber of Congress is needed to sustain a veto.

Obama spokesman Josh Earnest said Monday that the White House is confident it can sustain a veto "at least in the House."

The president got a boost in the Senate Tuesday with Sens. Barbara Boxer, Tim Kaine and Bill Nelson announcing their support for the deal. □

Obama hosts first Demo Day to promote entrepreneurship

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama spent his 54th birthday talking to a robotic teddy bear that teaches children how to manage their diabetes and watching a radio waves demonstration used to detect senior falls. Obama on Tuesday welcomed more than 30 startup teams including women, minorities and others underrepresented in entrepreneurship to the first White House Demo Day. Obama said the U.S. is home to more high-tech companies than anyplace else in the world, but not everyone has the chance to pursue their dreams because of challenges like raising capital.

"It's always hard to get in

front of the right people, but sometimes it's harder if you're a woman or an underrepresented minority who all too often have to fight just to get a seat at the table," he said.

The White House says about 3 percent of U.S. startups backed by venture capital are led by women. About 1 percent are headed by African-Americans.

"We've got to make sure that everybody is getting a fair shot—the next Steve Jobs might be named Stephanie or Esteban," Obama said. "We've got to unleash the full potential of every American—not leave more than half the team on the bench."

Before his remarks, Obama toured half a dozen startups in the State Dining Room including Sakti3—

which designs solid-state lithium batteries to power mobile phones, computers and cars—and Duolingo, a free app that teaches languages.

"I'm going to tap in this" and "spruce up my Spanish," Obama said, promising to check out the application whenever he gets access to a smartphone again. The president also announced new public and private-sector commitments to attract diversity in entrepreneurship and technology including the winners of Small Business Administration competitions, federal partnerships to increase training efforts by the National Science Foundation and expanding the TechHire initiative, where cities and states partner with employers in



President Barack Obama greets guests in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015, after speaking as he hosted top innovators and startup founders from across the country for the first White House Demo Day. The White House showcased work by more than 30 startup teams of women, minorities and young people, all underrepresented in entrepreneurship. The exhibits range from early-stage technology to consumer products. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

recruitment.

Before the group of young, diverse innovators sang "Happy Birthday" to the

president, Obama said he looked forward to seeing what all they end up doing. □

Wildfire wreaks havoc on California vacation spot



Flames rise from a wildfire near Clear Lake, Calif. The fire has wiped out dozens of buildings and continues to threaten nearly 7,000 more. (AP Photo/Josh Edelson)

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Associated Press
MIDDLETOWN, California
(AP)** — A predictable but painful summertime ritual played out in half a dozen resort communities near California's largest freshwater lake on Tuesday as an erratic, week-old wildfire that has wiped out dozens of buildings continued to threaten nearly 7,000 more. As firefighters and equipment from outside the state poured in to battle

the blaze burning 10 miles (16 kilometers) from Clear Lake, more than 13,000 people were required or urged to leave their homes, vacation cabins and campsites in the latest fire-prone region to find itself under siege. "This never gets easier," said Gina Powers, who with her husband and cats on Sunday night fled the Spring Valley home she has evacuated before in the more than two decades she has lived there. "This time it was scarier."

State and federal fire officials said the stubborn fire had consumed more than 101 square miles (261.59 square kilometers) by Tuesday morning after flames jumped a highway in several places. It remained 12 percent contained and was not expected to be corralled until at least Monday. The fire, by far the largest of 11 burning in northern California on Wednesday, started on July 29 in drought-withered brush that has not burned in years in the Lower Lake area, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of San Francisco. A cause has not been determined. The National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, has the wildfire listed as the nation's highest priority

for crews and equipment even as potentially destructive blazes burned in Oregon and Washington, spokesman Mike Ferris said. Ferris called the fire "one big monster." "In Northern California alone, all their resources are committed, and they are having to go outside the geographic area to get resources, whether it's aircraft or firefighters," Ferris said. With more than 3,000 firefighters battling the smoky blaze and evacuees seeking shelter, motels were booked up for days within miles. President Barack Obama was briefed on the fire and has asked his aides to stay in close touch with California Gov. Jerry Brown and other local officials, the White House said. □

Large explosion rocks south Missouri aluminum factory

MARSTON, Mo. (AP) — A massive explosion rocked a southeast Missouri aluminum plant Tuesday, injuring some workers and creating a plume of smoke that could be seen for miles. The explosion and fire occurred around 12:30 p.m. at the Noranda Aluminum plant near the town of Marston in New Madrid County, about 170 miles south of St. Louis. Noranda spokesman John Parker said all workers had been accounted for and there were no life-threatening injuries. He said some people suffered what appeared to be non-critical abrasions, dust irritation or smoke inhalation. Parker said one of the injured workers was taken to a hospital for treatment. Others were treated at the scene. Parker said a molten metal

explosion occurred in the cast house of the plant, where the company produces extrusion billet, a length of metal with a cylindrical shape. Production in the cast house was suspended, Parker said, but work continued at the rest of the facility. Noranda employs about 900 workers in New Madrid County. Parker said about 20 people were working in the area where the explosion happened. The cause is under investigation. Noranda, based in Franklin, Tennessee, is an aluminum producer with six plants in the U.S. and one on Jamaica. The Missouri plant is the company's primary aluminum smelter. The company's website says the plant produces about 263,000 metric tons of primary aluminum annually, roughly 15 percent of all U.S. aluminum production as of 2009. □

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Mothers: US officer restrained children with cuffs on arms

FRANKFORT, Kentucky (AP) — A school resource officer placed two disabled elementary school students in handcuffs because they were acting out, causing physical and emotional pain to the children, their mothers say in a federal lawsuit filed

against the official and his boss, the county sheriff. In a video of one of the incidents released by the American Civil Liberties Union — the rights group that filed the lawsuit Monday on behalf of the two women from Kentucky — an 8-year-old boy strug-

gles and cries out as he sits in a chair, the handcuffs around his biceps and his arms locked behind him. "You don't get to swing at me like that," School Resource Officer Kevin Sumner tells the boy in the video, which was taken by a school administrator.

"You can do what we've asked you to, or you can suffer the consequences." It was not clear why the administrator took the video, and school officials had not responded to a request for comment Tuesday. The handcuffs were too

large to fit around the boy's wrists as well as those of the second child, a 9-year-old girl, the lawsuit says. Both children have been diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and are identified in court documents only by their initials. □

Family of woman found dead in Texas jail cell sues officer

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Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The family of a black woman found dead in a Texas jail three days after a confrontation with a white state police officer filed a wrongful-death lawsuit Tuesday against the officer and other officials, saying it was a last resort after being unable to get enough information about the case.

Sandra Bland, a Chicago-area woman, died by what authorities say was suicide in her Waller County jail cell on July 13. Her family and others previously questioned that, and criticized the trooper who stopped her for failing to signal a lane change. Bland's death came after nearly a year of heightened scrutiny of police and their treatment of African-Ameri-



Geneva Reed-Veal, center, mother of Sandra Bland, and her daughters Sharon Cooper, left, and Sierra Cole are backed up by attorneys at a news conference Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015, in Houston. Bland's family has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit Tuesday against the officer and other officials, saying it was a last resort after being unable to get enough information about the case.

(AP Photo/Pat Sullivan)

cans, especially those who have been killed by officers or died in police custody.

"The bottom line is she never should have been inside the jail cell. Period," Bland's

mother, Geneva Reed-Veal, said at a news conference. Reed-Veal, her

Bible within reach, said she was confident Bland "knew enough about Jesus" that she wouldn't hang herself and her feelings as a mother say her daughter didn't. But "anything is possible," she said.

"Now I'm the first one to tell you, if the facts ... show without a doubt that that was the case, I'll have to be prepared to deal with that," she said.

The lawsuit, with Reed-Veal as plaintiff, seeks unspecified punitive damages "for egregious acts and omissions" by Trooper Brian Encinia, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Waller County, the sheriff's office and two jail employees.

Bland was in Prairie View, northwest of Houston, when she was stopped July 10 for a minor traffic infraction. □

Officials probing deadly New Hampshire tent collapse

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Associated Press

LANCASTER, New Hampshire (AP) — It's unclear why a circus that was warned about impending severe weather put on its planned show in a tent that ended up collapsing in a storm, killing a spectator and his 8-year-old daughter, the state fire marshal in New Hampshire

said Tuesday. More than 30 others were taken to hospitals after the collapse Monday night at the Lancaster Fairgrounds. Fire Marshal Bill Degnan said it's the responsibility of the circus operator to monitor the weather. The show began seven minutes after the National Weather Service issued a severe-thunderstorm warning. The

storm blew through about 15 minutes after that, with about 100 people inside the tent. Spectator Heidi Medeiros, who attended the circus with her 3-year-old son, told WMUR-TV that the metal poles holding up the tent flew out of the ground, then slammed onto the bleacher where they had been sitting.

Degnan said the storm cut a track of a half-mile to a mile (about 800-1,600 meters) that included downed trees while it approached the tent.

The victims of the collapse were identified as 41-year-old Robert Young and his daughter Anna-belle, of Vermont. An autopsy showed they died of blunt force trauma,

Degnan said. The yellow-and red-striped tent was still on the ground Tuesday afternoon, away from the bleachers. Items were still strewn about, such as concession-type inflatable Sponge Bob figurines.

Degnan said the operator, Florida-based Walker International Events, has been cooperating in the investigation. □



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Debate line-up illustrates power of Fox News in GOP campaign



Republican presidential candidate, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush speaks at the Send North America Conference, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015, in Nashville, Tenn. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Iowa and New Hampshire are still on the horizon — but first there's the Fox primary, and the buildup to this week's first Republican presidential debate shows that the influence of Fox News Channel on the GOP selection process is stronger than ever. The musical chairs-like rules for participation in Thursday's televised debate required candidates to reach a certain threshold in opinion polls, making national exposure to an interested audience vital at a stage in the campaign

when candidates are usually shaking hands in early primary states. And where better to find that audience than on Fox News Channel?

The 17 candidates — only 10 of whom are invited to the prime-time debate — made a total of 273 separate appearances on Fox News in May, June and July, according to a count by liberal-leaning group Media Matters for America. Six hopefuls — Donald Trump, Rand Paul, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, Carly Fiorina and Rick Perry — have appeared 20 times or more each on Fox or Fox Business Channel, the

network said. Besides interviews, candidates have joined the panel of talk shows like "Outnumbered" or "The Five."

"It is the most important forum for a Republican running for president," said Matthew Dowd, chief strategist for President George W. Bush's 2004 campaign and now an ABC News analyst. Fox announced Tuesday afternoon that Trump, Paul, Huckabee, Jeb Bush,

Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Marco Rubio, Scott Walker and Chris Christie were included in the prime-time debate. The remaining candidates will be in a secondary forum that starts four hours earlier.

Trump, who is leading in the polls, leads in time spent on Fox (just under five hours, Media Matters said). Sean Hannity's prime-time show, which hosted Trump, Cruz and Christie one night last

week, has offered the candidates twice as much airtime as any other individual show, Media Matters said. Part of the draw for candidates is the size of Fox's audience: second only to shark-obsessed Discovery among cable networks in July and typically larger than that of CNN and MSNBC combined in prime time.

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Greece: Prospect of new election grows, market hit

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Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's government conceded Tuesday that dissent within the ruling party was likely to force an early election, while bank shares plummeted again on the stock market, which reopened this week after a long closure.

The left-wing government is relying on opposition party support for approval in parliament of new austerity measures demanded by bailout lenders, following a revolt by nearly one fourth of its own lawmakers.

Government spokeswoman Olga Gerovasili said the government would not form a national unity government and described early elections as "likely."

"A solution will be found, since the country needs a strong government," Gerovasili told private Skai television. "(Early) elections are likely but that doesn't mean we will be dealing today with when they will take place."

Amid the uncertainty, the main stock index lost another 1.2 percent Tuesday, the second day the market has been open following a five-week shutdown.

Most shares traded higher but banks tumbled, once again hitting the 30 percent lower trading limit. The

tensions for a new bailout and over the stability of the government have heightened concerns.

more or less what one should expect after weeks of stocks being closed in a country which is indeed in



People enjoy refreshments at a cafe in Athens, Greece, on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015. Greece's economy is reeling from the impact of limits on money withdrawals and transfers that the government imposed on June 29 to avoid a collapse of the banking sector. Uncertainty over Greece's negotiations for a new bailout and over the stability of the government have heightened concerns.
(AP Photo/Yorgos Karahalios)

overall index on Monday plummeted 16.2 percent, its worst drop in decades. Greece's economy is reeling from the impact of limits on money withdrawals and transfers that the government imposed on June 29 to avoid a collapse of the banking sector. Uncertainty over Greece's nego-

European markets were unaffected by the Greek market nosedive, however, which Italian Finance Minister Pier Carlo Padoa-Schioppa described as "normal market behavior in exceptional circumstances."

"Frankly I am not concerned. Looking at the figures, I thought this was

deep recession," he told reporters in Rome.

The political outlook appears tenuous, with Panagiotis Lafazanis, a prominent dissenter and lawmaker of the ruling Syriza party, urging colleagues to join him in voting against the government when the bailout deal is brought to parliament. □

Russia submitting bid at UN for vast Arctic territories

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia has submitted a revised bid for vast territories in the Arctic to the United Nations, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

The ministry said in a statement that Russia is claiming 1.2 million square kilometers (over 463,000 square miles) of Arctic sea shelf extending more than 350 nautical miles (about 650 kilometers) from the shore.

Russia, the U.S., Canada, Denmark and Norway have all been trying to assert jurisdiction over parts of the Arctic, which is believed to hold up to a quarter of the planet's undiscovered oil and gas. Rivalry for Arctic resources has intensified as shrinking polar ice is opening new opportunities for exploration.

Russia was the first to submit its claim in 2002, but the U.N. sent it back for lack of evidence. It submitted a partial revision regarding the Okhotsk Sea in 2013 and the commission issued a recommendation the following year, U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said.

The ministry said that the resubmitted bid contains new arguments. "Ample scientific data collected in years of Arctic research are used to back the Russian claim," it said.

Greenpeace responded by warning of the environmental risks.

"The melting of the Arctic ice is uncovering a new and vulnerable sea, but countries like Russia and Norway want to turn it into the next Saudi Arabia," Greenpeace Russia Arctic campaigner Vladimir Chuprov said in a statement. □

Report:

Turkish jets attack PKK targets in south Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish warplanes pounded suspected Kurdish rebel targets in southeast Turkey on Tuesday in retaliation to a rebel mortar attack at a military base which wounded a 6-year-old girl, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported.

The jets struck Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, positions near the town of Daglica, in Hakkari province hours after the insurgents

fired shots and mortar rounds at the station. The girl, from a nearby village, was injured by shrapnel, but wasn't in serious condition.

Hostilities have flared in Turkey in the past two weeks, wrecking a fragile peace process launched in 2012 with the Kurds. The rebels have launched dozens of attacks against country's security forces while the military has carried out

airstrikes on PKK targets in northern Iraq or in Turkey's southeast. At least 30 people have been killed in the past 10 days, most of them soldiers.

Earlier, PKK rebels attacked a military vehicle in neighboring Sirnak province with an improvised explosive device and later opened fire at the vehicle, killing two soldiers, the military said. Another soldier and a government-paid village

guard were wounded in the attack near the village of Arakoy, in Sirnak province which borders Iraq. Meanwhile, Energy Minister Taner Yildiz said the PKK sabotaged a natural gas pipeline from Azerbaijan early on Tuesday, disrupting the flow of gas. It was the latest in a series of attacks on Turkish energy supply lines that included an explosion on a major oil pipeline from Iraq. □



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Far-right group's poster campaign in Stockholm stirs outrage



Banners reading "Sorry about the mess here in Sweden", are seen at the subway station Ostermalmstorg in Stockholm, Sweden, on Monday, Aug. 3, 2015. A poster campaign by the anti-immigrant Sweden Democrats at a subway station in central Stockholm has stirred outrage in the Nordic country. The posters are directed to tourists visiting the Swedish capital and apologize for "the mess" in Sweden, saying the country has a problem with "forced begging" organized by "international gangs."

(Bertil Ericson/TT Newsagency via AP)

MALIN RISING
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A poster campaign by the anti-

immigrant Sweden Democrats at a subway station in central Stockholm has stirred outrage in the Nor-

dic country. The posters plastered above the escalators at Ostermalmstorg subway

station are directed to tourists visiting the Swedish capital and apologize for "the mess" in Sweden, saying the country has a problem with "forced begging" organized by "international gangs." Critics say the message spreads racist misconceptions about eastern European Roma, also known as Gypsies, who are begging in Sweden. Anger has also been directed at Stockholm's public transport provider SL, which is owned by the city council and is profiting from the ads. Around 1,000 people gathered in downtown Stockholm on Tuesday to demonstrate against "SL's spread of racism and the normalization of racism in Sweden." After the demonstration, some of the pro-

testers stormed the subway station and tore down the posters, according to local daily Aftonbladet.

"It is measly and cowardly" by the Sweden Democrats to target the Roma, which is the poorest and most discriminated group in Europe, said Sven Hovmoller, from the organization HEM which helps homeless European Union migrants in Sweden. Protesters also used social media to express their dismay at the ad campaign, posting counter messages like: "Sorry about the mess here in Sweden. We have neo-fascists in the parliament."

The advertising campaign comes amid a surge in immigration to Europe from war-torn countries in Africa and the Middle East. □

Croatia celebrates independence; Serbs mourn

DARKO BANDIC
Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Tanks rumbled and soldiers marched as Croatia held a military parade Tuesday to mark the 20th anniversary of sealing its independence from Yugoslavia, while neighboring Serbia mourned victims of the military operation that marked the end of a four-year war. The parade in the Croatian capital, Zagreb, and other events were hailed as victory celebrations in Croatia. In Serbia, the anniversary was marked as a day of mourning for the nearly 700 ethnic Serbs who died in the Croatian "Operation Storm" that crushed the Belgrade-backed insur-

gency in western Croatia in 1995.

Some 200,000 Croatian Serbs fled the offensive that sealed Croatia's declaration of independence made in 1991. Most of the ethnic Serbs have never returned to their homes in and around the town of Knin, the center of the rebellion.

The war in Croatia claimed at least 10,000 lives and left hundreds of thousands homeless when Serbs launched the rebellion, wanting to remain within the Serb-led Yugoslavia. The anniversary celebrations have for years burdened relations between Croatia and Serbia, the wartime Balkan foes who

are trying to patch up economic and political relations. Serbian officials have called the offensive "genocide" against the Serbs, while Croatian officials have hailed it as the greatest day in Croatia's recent history.

Croatia President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic said the offensive was "a clean, legitimate and brilliant military operation."

The parade included about 3,000 Croatian soldiers and 300 military vehicles, with air force jets and helicopters flying above. Although invited, NATO troops did not take part in the parade, but Western representatives were present among the public. □

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Head of a Jewish extremist group Meir Ettinger appears in court in Nazareth Illit, Israel, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015. Israel said Tuesday it was interrogating Ettinger, the suspected head of a Jewish extremist group in the first arrest of an Israeli suspect following last week's arson attack in the West Bank that killed a Palestinian toddler and wounded his brother and parents. According to the Shin Bet security agency, 23-year-old Ettinger was arrested late Monday for "involvement in an extremist Jewish organization."

(AP Photo/Ariel Schalit)

After deadly attack; Israel arrests extremist in crackdown

**DANIEL ESTRIN
Associated Press**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli authorities kicked off a promised crackdown on Jewish extremists following last week's deadly arson attack on a Palestinian family, arresting a high-profile activist accused of leading a new movement of defiant settler youths who embrace violence and reject the rule of law in the name of the purity of the Holy Land.

Meir Ettinger, whose arrest Monday was extended in court Tuesday, is the grandson of U.S.-born Rabbi Meir Kahane, Israel's most notorious Jewish extremist, whose ultranationalist party was banned from Israel's parliament for its racist views in 1988 and who was killed by an Arab gunman in New York in 1990. According to the Shin

Bet security agency, the 23-year-old Ettinger was arrested for "involvement in an extremist Jewish organization." The agency would not say if he is also suspected in the July 31 arson attack, but it has accused Ettinger of heading an extremist movement seeking to bring about religious "redemption" through attacks on Christian sites and Palestinian homes.

Ettinger, in a large skullcap, scruffy beard and side-locks, smiled at the swarm of news crews before his hearing. In a July 30 blog post before his arrest, he denied the Shin Bet's accusation that he leads an extremist group.

"There is no terror organization, but there are many, many Jews, many more than people think, whose value system is completely different than that of the Is-

raeli Supreme Court or the Shin Bet," Ettinger wrote. "The laws they are bound by are not the State's laws ... but laws that are much more eternal and real." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pledged "zero tolerance" for Jewish terrorism following two deadly attacks by extremists. The attack that killed 18-month-old Ali Dawabshah and severely injured his parents and 4-year-old brother in the West Bank came a day after an anti-gay ultra-Orthodox man stabbed a 16-year-old Israeli girl during a rampage against marchers at Jerusalem's gay pride parade. The girl later died of her wounds. Authorities are expected to crack down much harder on suspected Jewish extremist cells, particularly among West Bank settler youths. □

Yemen pro-government troops retake rebel-held base in south

**AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press**

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's pro-government troops fought pockets of resistance outside a key military base in the country's south Tuesday, a day after they seized it from Shiite rebels, military officials said. The capture of the Al-Anad base — once the site of U.S. intelligence operations against al-Qaida's powerful Yemeni affiliate — was a significant victory for the forces allied to Yemen's exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi in their battle to reverse the gains of the rebels known as Houthis.

The base was taken by the rebels when the conflict intensified in the spring and was their main encampment in the country's south. The pro-government forces took 45 prisoners in the battle for the base and were marching north toward another rebel-held military base called Labouza — the largest in the south, the military officials said.

As Al-Anad fell, rebel fighters fled to the nearby hills, the officials added. Yemen's Defense Ministry announced the "liberation of Al-Anad military base" in a statement late Monday, thanking the Saudi-led coalition that has been targeting the Houthis in an air campaign since March.

Ministry officials and military leaders from Hadi's government in exile in Saudi Arabia returned to the southern city of Aden last week and the statement was issued from there. In a statement carried by rebel-controlled news agency SABA late Monday, the rebels denied the base had been taken.

It took several days to capture Al-Anad, with pro-government troops, backed by tanks and armored personnel carriers, pushing toward the base as coalition airstrikes cleared the path for their advance. Military officials said allied fighters had cut off the main road between al-Anad and the embattled city of Taiz for the first time since the Houthis took control of it in March. Meanwhile, at least 15 pro-government fighters were killed by two land mine explosions in their push north toward the Houthi-controlled al-Houta, the capital of Lahj province, both pro-government militia and Houthi officials said.

In Taiz, Yemen's third largest city, ground fighting raged for hours, killing at least seven and wounding 47 fighters, security officials from both sides said. Two civilians were also killed, medical officials added.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to reporters.

The fighting in Yemen pits the Houthis and troops loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against southern separatists, local and tribal militias, Sunni Islamic militants and President Hadi's loyalists.

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APNewsBreak: North Korean ship pursued for seizure in case



A journalist sits near the North Korean cargo ship *Mu Du Bong*, anchored in the port of Tuxpan, Mexico, after it accidentally ran aground off Mexico in July 2014. Despite North Korea's protests, a panel of experts that monitors U.N. sanctions against Pyongyang for its nuclear and missile programs asked the Mexican government not to release the boat.

(AP Photo/Felix Marquez)

CARA ANNA

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Winning a lawsuit against North Korea is rare. Collecting millions of dollars in damages from the isolated country? Pretty much impossible. But an Israel-based civil rights group thinks it has found a way, starting with a North Korean ship that's been held, against Pyongyang's wish-

es, in a Mexican port for the past year.

The effort illustrates the challenges of holding North Korea to account in more ways than one.

The Shurat HaDin law center began its pursuit after winning a \$330 million U.S. District Court judgment in April over the abduction of a South Korean-born pastor in China and his presumed torture and killing in

North Korea 15 years ago. Now the center is aiming for whatever North Korean assets it can find.

It has focused on the *Mu Du Bong*, a cargo ship that accidentally ran aground off Mexico last July. Despite North Korea's protests, a panel of experts that monitors U.N. sanctions against Pyongyang for its nuclear and missile programs asked the Mexican government not to release it.

The ship's North Korean parent company, Ocean Maritime Management Co., has been under sanctions ever since another ship it operated was found to be carrying two Cuban fighter jets, missile and live munitions hidden under a cargo of sugar.

Seizing the *Mu Du Bong* requires that a Mexican court recognize the U.S. court's judgment. Civil courts in Mexico City and in the state of Veracruz have declined to hear Shurat HaDin's request, but it is now appealing.

The plan is to sell the ship to the highest bidder, with the money going to the South Korean pastor's family.

"There are so few North Korean assets around the world that an opportunity like this, to seize the boat, should not be allowed to simply slip away out of fear of North Korea or other political consideration," Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, Shurat HaDin's director, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. Shurat HaDin is known for suing states such as Iran and Syria on behalf of victims of torture or terrorism, aiming for bad publicity for those governments even if it can't get them to pay. North Korea has never admitted the abduction and torture of the pastor, U.S. resident Kim Dong Shik. Pyongyang has

been known to respond harshly to people who try to promote religion, even among the thousands of North Koreans who have fled to neighboring China. Normally, foreign states can't be sued in the United States, but an exception in the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act allows it against countries that are listed as state sponsors of terrorism. Shurat HaDin filed suit over Kim's disappearance just one day before the George W. Bush administration removed North Korea from that list.

The removal has complicated efforts to collect damages from Pyongyang, including by accessing the millions of dollars of its money still thought to be frozen in several U.S. banks. □

Colombia:

16 police officers killed in helicopter crash

JACOBO GARCIA

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Sixteen Colombian police officers died Tuesday when their Black Hawk helicopter crashed while taking part in a manhunt for the nation's most-wanted drug trafficker, the second deadly air accident affecting the U.S.-trained military in less than a week.

Two other uniformed personnel were in critical condition and being treated for serious burns.

Authorities attributed the crash to bad weather. But the location, in a dense jungle near the Gulf of Uraba dominated by drug traf-

fickers and also a refuge for leftist rebels, immediately fueled speculation that the helicopter may have been fired on.

Colombia's biggest newspaper, *El Tiempo*, posted on its website an audio recording that it said was a cockpit recording from an aircraft that was accompanying the crashed helicopter. In the recording, an unidentified person remarks that the downed aircraft appeared to have been shot at from the ground and possibly was hit by a homemade mortar shell often used by rebels. The Bogota-based paper didn't say how it obtained

the recording. While not ruling out the possibility of an attack, Defense Minister Luis Carlos Villegas said two other helicopters participating in the mission would have detected any gunfire and didn't observe any.

He said the most likely hypothesis was that low-lying cloud cover obstructed the pilots' visibility and the Black Hawk crashed at a speed of 180 kph (110 mph) into a hillside. The aircraft was destroyed, he said.

Police said the Black Hawk was part of a mission hunting Dairo Otoniel Usuga, leader of Colombia's most violent drug-smuggling gang. □

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5 years after quake, Haitians turn ruins to homes

R. BLACKWELL
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Compared to some of his neighbors, Jimmy Bellefleur is not doing badly. The electrician has turned abandoned government office space into a one-room home for his wife and their two daughters.

He covered the open window with a plastic tarp and installed a simple door with a lock. It's a small bit of security for his family, who live as squatters on the upper floor of a building damaged in Haiti's 2010 earthquake.

Officials say most of the 1.5 million people homeless after the magnitude 7.0 quake that destroyed much of the capital and surrounding areas have now found shelter, with about 65,000 living in some 66 encampments, according to the International Organization of Migration.

Yet there are thousands of homeless like Bellefleur who go uncoun- ted in abandoned buildings or hidden tent camps. Some are people who received



A young woman shares a cracker with a kitten in a post-earthquake tent camp that residents are hoping to turn into a permanent neighborhood in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. More than five years after a magnitude 7.0 quake destroyed much of the capital, there are few visible signs of the disaster and the vast majority of the people who were displaced have found homes. But there are still tens of thousands of people who have never been able to repair their homes, whose rental subsidies have run out or who never managed to find permanent housing in the first place.

(AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

rent subsidies from non-governmental groups that have since run out.

In downtown Port-au-Prince, there are people getting by the best they

can in the ruins of a luxury hotel, under tarps and in a windowless trailer on the grounds of the destroyed national theater. Others are in buildings classified as

too dangerous to enter. The iconic Iron Market, which collapsed in the quake, was restored after the disaster. But around it stretch avenues lined with

street stalls masking abandoned, crumbled buildings.

During the day, hairdressers and manicurists work inside the garbage-strewn structures,

which are missing walls and, in some cases, entire facades. At night, the shells of the more intact buildings are home to people like Bellefleur and his family. Because he is an electrician, he managed to rig up electricity. But they have no water and much of the structure is exposed to the elements.

Before the quake, they lived in two rented rooms in the Carrefour-Feuilles district, near downtown. But the building was destroyed,

he says, and they lived on the streets for more than a year.

"I don't like the children here. It's very open. There is no security," he says.

But he has no better alternative. "I don't have the means to leave," he says. And, he notes, "There are a lot of people who live worse than we do." □

LGBT Jamaicans hold 1st gay pride celebrations on island

DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Jamaica's LGBT community is holding its first gay pride celebration in the island's capital, a weeklong event that was previously almost unthinkable in a Caribbean country long described as the one of the globe's most hostile places to homosexuality.

Events in Kingston have included a flash mob gathering in a park, an art exhibit and performances featuring songs and poems by lesbian, gay, bisexual and

transgender Jamaicans. A dance party was set for Wednesday.

Jamaican gay rights activists said Tuesday the peaceful events are a clear sign that tolerance for LGBT people is expanding on the island even though stigma is common and longstanding laws criminalizing gay sex between men remain on the books.

"I think we will look back on this and see it as a turning point because many persons thought that it would never actually happen," said Latoya Nugent of the

Jamaica Forum of Lesbians, All-Sexuals and Gays, or J-FLAG, the rights group that organized the event.

For years, Jamaica's gay community lived so far underground that their parties and church services were held in secret locations. Most stuck to a "don't ask, don't tell" policy of keeping their sexual orientation hidden to avoid scrutiny or protect loved ones. A number of gay Jamaicans have won asylum overseas.

But while discrimination against gays remains pervasive in many parts of

Jamaica and anti-gay violence flares up recurrently, Nugent said there's an inaccurate perception overseas that homosexuals in Jamaica "can't even walk on the streets because if you do you are going to be stoned or stabbed to death."

"What we are seeing these days is more and more LGBT people willing to be visible, to be open, and to be public," said Nugent, a co-chair of the planning committee for the events called PrideJa. "It's remarkable."

Still, some 80 incidents of discrimination, threats, physical attacks, displacement and sexual violence were reported to J-FLAG last year and the high-profile 2013 mob murder of transgender teen Dwayne Jones remains unsolved. There have been reports of targeted sexual assaults of lesbians. In a 2014 report, New York-based Human Rights Watch asserted that LGBT people in Jamaica remain the targets of unchecked violence and are frequently refused housing or employment. □



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Mayweather announces Sept. 12 fight with Andre Berto

TIM DAHLBERG

AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. will return to the ring for the first time since boxing's richest fight ever, facing Andre Berto on Sept. 12 in what he has said will be his final fight.

The welterweight title bout doesn't figure to be nearly as lucrative as Mayweather's May 2 fight with Manny Pacquiao that earned him a reported \$220 million. But it will still be sold on pay-per-view, even though Mayweather will be an overwhelming favorite to win for the 49th time in as many fights as a pro.

Berto, a 2004 Olympian, was once thought of as a rising star but has lost three of his last six fights. Two of those losses were to Robert Guerrero and Victor Ortiz, fighters that Mayweather beat easily.

"I always bring my A-game and this fight against Andre Berto is no exception," Mayweather said in announcing the bout. "He's a young, strong fighter who is hungry to take down the best. Forty-eight have tried before and on September 12, I'm going to make it 49." The fight is the last in a six-bout deal that Mayweather has with the Showtime network, and Mayweather has said repeatedly he will retire when the deal is finished. The 38-year-old retired once before, but came back to fight after



In this May 2, 2015, file photo, boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr., celebrates his unanimous decision victory over Manny Pacquiao, from the Philippines, after their welterweight title fight in Las Vegas.
Mayweather

Associated Press

taking a short break.

"Floyd has been completely consistent and hasn't wavered a bit in saying this is his last fight," said Stephen Espinoza, executive vice president and general manager for Showtime Sports. "He's still arguably the best fighter in the sport so it's somewhat surprising for him to step away now but I've never heard him say anything

other than this will be his last." Espinoza dismissed criticism that the fight looks like a mismatch, saying there were complications trying to do a deal with Britain's Amir Khan and not a big pool of other fighters to choose from. He said Berto will be aggressive against Mayweather, something Pacquiao was not able or willing to be in their fight.

"He's one of those fighters

who never fails to entertain," Espinoza said about Berto. "His biggest flaw is he's probably too aggressive." Mayweather waited until the last possible moment to announce the fight, which will take place at the MGM Grand arena where he won a unanimous decision over Pacquiao. The two fighters will get together in Los Angeles on Thursday to promote the

bout, which is less than six weeks away.

Berto (30-3) won his first 27 fights as a pro after losing in the first round of the Athens Olympics, winning a piece of the welterweight title along the way. But he was then beaten by Ortiz and would go on to lose back-to-back fights to Guerrero and Jesus Soto Karass.

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Berto, who has rebounded to win his last two fights, said he will prove his worth in his biggest fight ever. "Best believe that I plan to bring it to Floyd and I'm not concerned about

what 48 other fighters have been unable to do," he said. "Somebody is getting knocked out and it won't be me." If Mayweather beats Berto he would improve to 49-

0, matching the perfect record set by Rocky Marciano before he retired as heavyweight champion in 1956. There has been speculation Mayweather would fight at least once more to break the record, perhaps opening the MGM's new arena on the Las Vegas Strip next spring.

Espinoza declined to say what he thought the Berto fight would sell on pay-per-view, coming on the heels of the record-setting 4.4 million buys of the Mayweather-Pacquiao fight. It will, however, be cheaper,

with a suggested price of \$74.95 compared to \$99.95 for Pacquiao. Espinoza said Mayweather has done nearly 10 million PPV buys in his first five fights on the Showtime contract. □

Former Lions running back Mel Farr dies at age 70

DETROIT (AP) — Mel Farr, a former NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year who rushed for more than 3,000 yards in seven pro seasons with the Detroit Lions, has died. He was 70.

Farr, a running back, played college football at UCLA and finished seventh in the voting for the 1966 Heisman Trophy. He was drafted in 1967 in the first round by the Lions and ran for 860 yards in 13 games as a rookie. Farr spent his whole NFL career with Detroit, from 1967-73.

"The entire Lions family is saddened by the passing of Mel Farr," Lions President Tom Lewand said in a statement Tuesday. "As both a player and a businessman, Mel was blessed with many talents and a personality to match. His energetic presence in Detroit, both on the field during his playing career and off the field for decades after, was unique and unmistakable.

"Mel truly lived a life of distinction and will be missed." One of Farr's sons told the team that Farr died Monday, a Lions spokesman said.

Farr led Detroit in rushing as a rookie and tallied 197 yards in a game against Minnesota. He also caught 39 passes for 317 yards. He scored six touchdowns that season.

In 1970, Farr rushed for 717 yards, helping the Lions go 10-4 in the regular season and reach the playoffs for the first time since 1957.

He was named to play in the 1968 and 1971 NFL Pro Bowls.

Farr finished his pro career with 3,072 yards on 739 carries and would go on to a second career selling cars in the Detroit area.

At one point, Farr owned about a dozen dealerships in several states and appeared in TV commercials as the cape-wearing Mel Farr Superstar.

But the spiraling cost of thousands of loans to bad-credit customers, lawsuits and overexpansion helped lead to the end of his business empire.

In early 2000, most of his dealerships were losing money and Farr had defaulted on \$50 million in loans from Ford Motor Co.'s credit arm.

Farr's brother, Miller, and two sons, Mel Jr. and Mike, also played in the NFL. Mike Farr spent time with the Lions.

Mel Farr remained close to football and the Lions over the years, and was a founding member of the Detroit Lions Alumni Association and active participant in Detroit Lions community and philanthropic initiatives, the team said. □

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Cespedes hits 3 doubles, Mets top Marlins, take NL East lead



New York Mets hitter Yoenis Cespedes, right, scores as Miami Marlins catcher J.T. Realmuto, left, looks on in the fifth inning during a baseball game in Miami, Monday Aug. 3, 2015.

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Yoenis Cespedes hit three doubles and New York took over first place in the NL East, routing Miami.

Fresh off sweeping Washington, the Mets won their fourth in a row and moved a game ahead of the Nationals for the division lead. There was a brief delay with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning after Tomas Telis lost control of his bat and it flew into the stands and hit a fan. There was no immediate word on the extent of the man's injury.

Cespedes, acquired last week from Detroit, played for the third time with the Mets and tied the team record for doubles in a game. He drove in four runs.

Bartolo Colon (10-10) had lost six straight decisions. He pitched eight innings and allowed one run.

Tom Koehler (8-8) was tagged in the Marlins' most-lopsided loss of the season.

DIAMONDBACKS 6, NATIONALS 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rookie Zack Godley pitched six scoreless innings to continue a stellar start to his career, and Arizona homered

four times to send Washington to a fourth straight loss. Nick Ahmed homered and had four hits as the Diamondbacks improved to 5-2 on their 10-game, bi-coastal road trip.

Godley (3-0) won two of those games, and with Monday's victory he becomes the second Arizona pitcher to win in each of his first three major league outings.

David Peralta and Welington Castillo added back-to-back homers off Nationals starter Doug Fister (4-7) and Jake Lamb hit a high-arc shot in the ninth in Jonathan Papelbon's home debut in Washington.

Fister allowed five runs over six innings.

BRAVES 9, GIANTS 8, 12 INNINGS

ATLANTA (AP) — Adonis Garcia hit a two-run homer in the 12th inning off Ryan Vogelsong and Atlanta completed its final comeback of the game to beat San Francisco.

Down 6-0 against Matt Cain going into the sixth, the Braves rallied with four runs. A.J. Pierzynski hit a two-run homer with two outs in the

ninth off Santiago Casilla, tying it at 7.

Buster Posey homered early, then hit a go-ahead single in the Giants 12th.

Jace Peterson led off the Braves 12th by reaching on a throwing error by shortstop Brandon Crawford.

Vogelsong (7-7), trying to earn the first save of his 11-season career, fell behind in the count and Garcia homered over the cen-

ter field wall.

Garcia made his major league debut this season and has three home runs in 11 games.

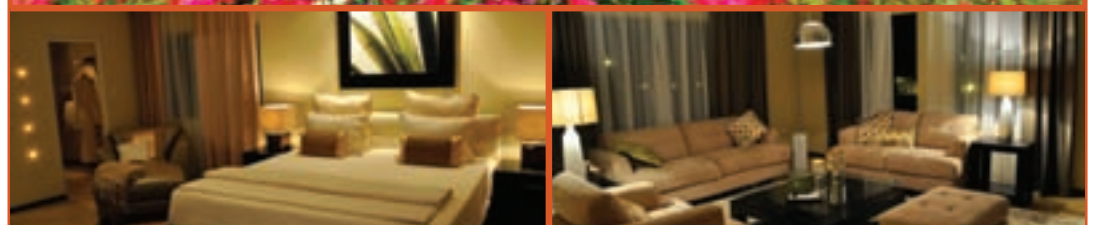
The Giants have lost two in a row for the first time since stopping a seven-game skid in early July.

PADRES 13, BREWERS 5 MILWAUKEE (AP) — Yanger-vis Solarte hit two home runs and Tyson Ross pitched six effective innings to help

San Diego rout Milwaukee. Solarte hit a solo home run in the first and connected for a three-run shot in the seventh. Jedd Gyorko also homered and had three hits while Alexi Amarista drove in three runs for the Padres. Ross (8-8) gave up seven hits and two earned runs in six innings. He struck out five and walked two. He also had an RBI single in the third inning. □



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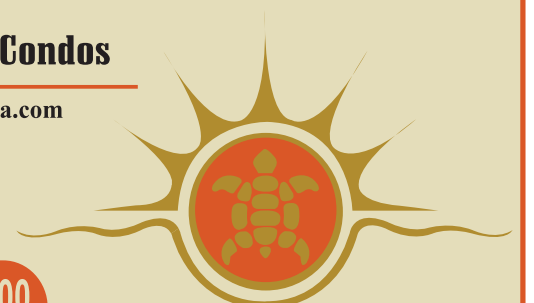


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AL Capsules

Beltre's cycle highlight Rangers win vs. Astros

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) —

Adrian Beltre became the first major leaguer since the 1930s to hit for his third career cycle and the Texas Rangers held on for a wild 12-9 victory over the AL West-leading Houston Astros on Monday night.

Beltre's solo homer in the fifth, a liner deep into the seats in left field, completed the cycle against three Houston pitchers.

A two-run triple by Beltre in the first inning put the Rangers ahead to stay at 3-2. He had a double in the second and a single in the third before his ninth homer of the season made it 12-7. All three of Beltre's cycles have come at the Rangers' ballpark, two for the home team and one as a visitor when he was playing for Seattle on Sept. 1, 2008. The third baseman's other cycle for Texas was Aug. 24, 2012, against Minnesota.

BLUE JAYS 5, TWINS 1

TORONTO (AP) — David Price struck out 11 over eight innings to win his Blue Jays debut, Josh Donaldson hit a tiebreaking home run and Toronto beat Minnesota in the opener of a four-game series between



Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre follows through on his solo home run completing the cycle against the Houston Astros during the fifth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 3, 2015, in Arlington, Texas.
Associated Press

AL wild-card contenders. Price (10-4) allowed one run and three hits. He threw 119 pitches, two shy of his season high.

Acquired from Detroit last Thursday for a trio of minor league left-handers, Price received a standing ovation from the sellout crowd of 45,766 as he walked in

from the bullpen before the game.

NBA All-Star Kevin Durant was among those on hand to watch Price work on a sunny afternoon.

The lefty struck out the first two batters he faced and set down four straight before Torii Hunter homered in the second. It was the

12th home run surrendered by Price in 10 career starts at Rogers Centre.

MARINERS 8, ROCKIES 7

DENVER (AP) — Felix Hernandez pitched effectively into the seventh inning, Nelson Cruz homered in a fourth consecutive game to reach 30 for the season, and Seattle beat Colorado.

Kyle Seager homered on the front end of back-to-back shots with Cruz, and Brad Miller added a solo shot among his three hits for the Mariners, who have won three of four since dropping four straight.

Jose Reyes, in his first appearance at Coors Field since being acquired by

Colorado in the trade deadline deal that sent Troy Tulowitzki to Toronto, had two RBI singles. Charlie Blackmon added four hits, including two doubles.

Trailing 8-4 heading into the bottom of the ninth, the Rockies scored three runs and had runners at the corners with two outs before Carson Smith induced a game-ending fly out from Blackmon for his 10th save.

RAYS 5, WHITE SOX 4

CHICAGO (AP) — Mikie Mahtook singled with two outs in the top of the ninth inning to drive in Logan Forsythe and give Tampa Bay a win over Chicago.

Forsythe started the winning rally with a one-out walk. Evan Longoria had three hits and an RBI.

Rays prospect Richie Shaffer went 0-for-2 with a hit-by-pitch and a walk in four plate appearances before leaving the game in the seventh.

Jake McGee (1-1) pitched a perfect eighth to get the win and Brad Boxberger worked out of a jam in the ninth for his 27th save. David Robertson (4-3) took the loss.

Jose Abreu and Carlos Sanchez each had a two-run home run for Chicago, which has dropped four of five following a hot streak.

ORIOLES 9, ATHLETICS 2

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Chris Davis hit a three-run shot in the first inning for his 27th homer to back rookie Tyler Wilson's impressive spot start, and Baltimore beat Oakland. □



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The Grand Slam bid is done; Jordan Spieth is not

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Jordan Spieth was on the 14th green and battling in conditions so severe the wind approached 40 mph. "They pulled us off the course," he said.

Spieth wasn't talking about St. Andrews.

This was Sunday at Whistling Straits, where he took a two-day scouting trip of the course that will host the final major of the year.

Spieth was one shot away from making the PGA Championship the most significant golf event since Tiger Woods completed his sweep of the majors in 2001 at the Masters.

The 22-year-old Texan was trying to become the first player to win them all in one season, and he came closer than any of the other three greats — Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Woods — to getting the third leg of the Grand Slam at the British Open.

His three-putt on the 14th green at St. Andrews, when the second round resumed in wind so strong Spieth was heard to say, "We never should have started," is not what cost him a chance at the claret jug. He had four other three-putts that round. He took four putts on the eighth green in the final round. He also made a bunch of birdies all week, and at the end of 72 holes, he needed one more. Simple as that.

If there was a hangover, it didn't last long.

Spieth was playing golf in Dallas with friends when his roommate mentioned the "weirdest feeling" about watching the Open. He told him that it seemed as though Spieth had an off week at St. Andrews, perhaps because he already had won the Masters and U.S. Open. Maybe it was ingrained in everyone, Spieth included, that anything but a victory at the British Open was not going to be acceptable.

"We played good golf giv-

en everything," Spieth said. "It's still good to play a major and lose by one shot. But that was one shot from being the greatest week of my life, instead of being on the back burner. That's what put it in perspective for me."

It was a memorable run, and now it's time to move on.

Spieth already has shown at such a young age he is equipped to do just that.

His goal at St. Andrews was to ignore what was at stake and treat it like another major.

Put the ball in play. Make putts. Get in contention. He said when it was over the historical significance never crossed his mind even when he was tied for the lead with two holes to play. His approach to Whistling Straits isn't much different.

"I really don't think it changes at all," Spieth said.

"Like I said, the historical part never factored into my preparation or knowledge of the course or whatever. All in all, I have the exact same feeling.

I may feel better. I knew what was at stake, and there was an added element to that off the course. Those were the questions everyone was asking. That's what the crowd was saying as you go hole to hole in the practice round. 'The Grand Slam is alive.'

"I wish they were still saying that," he said. "But since they aren't, that might ease the burden as far as practice."

He laughed when asked about the American Slam — winning the three U.S. majors in the same season. "When did that start?" he said, already knowing the answer.

No one ever talked about an American Slam until it was served up as a consolation prize to Woods when his shot at the Grand Slam ended in the wind and rain at Muirfield in 2002. Woods made a strong run at the PGA Championship that

year by making birdie on his last four holes, only to finish one shot behind Rich Beem.

Now the opportunity falls to Spieth. It's still a chance to achieve something no one has ever done, though it feels hollow compared with what he was chasing a month ago at the home of golf.

The Grand Slam is over. His season is not.

Spieth knows what it's like to adjust goals during the course of the season, just as he did as a rookie in 2013 when he started the year without a PGA Tour and finished it as the youngest American (20) to play in the Presidents Cup.

Looking back, he set modest expectations for 2015.

"My goals for this year were to make the Presidents Cup team, contend in at least one major and make the cut in all the majors," he said. "In 2013, they were tangible, specific goals I could shoot for. Right now, what's bigger than what we've done?"

We had a chance to do something no one has done — win all four majors in a year."

Part of the challenge is to finish strong. That's what Spieth failed to do last season, when he finished out of the top 20 in six of his final seven events on the PGA Tour.

In his eyes, a new season starts this week at Bridgestone Invitational in Ohio, followed by the PGA Championship and then four FedEx Cup playoff events.

"I would like to win one of these last six events," he said. "I'd like to be in contention and close one of them out, stay focused on trying to win one of these six and forget about how this year has gone. This is so new for us. It's hard as a team for us to sit back and not want to soak in what's happened."

A lot has happened. And even in the final two months, there's a lot left. □



In this July 20, 2015, file photo, Jordan Spieth reacts after a birdie on the 16th hole during the final round at the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland.

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Throat's Door

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

The word thyroid comes from the Greek "thura" which means "door," which is what the thyroid looks like. Your thyroid gland is the largest endocrine gland and is situated in the front of the neck. Your thyroid gland secretes iodine-rich hormones thyroxin and triiodothyronine which regulate your metabolism rate; but its effects are felt all over the body.

Thyroid glands that are not functioning optimally produce a myriad of symptoms. Many people experience unexplained cold hands and feet, low body temperature, sensitivity to cold, a feeling of always being chilled, headaches, insomnia, dry skin and hair, puffy eyes, hair loss, brittle nails, joint aches, constipation, mental dullness, fatigue, frequent infections, PMS symptoms, hoarse voice, ringing in the ears, dizziness, depression, fluid retention, anxiety and panic attacks, allergies, asthma, acne, skin hives, loss of libido, and weight gain, which is sometimes uncontrollable. In fact, an insufficiently nourished thyroid might be a major cause of weight problems, especially among women, in the West today.

Research indicates that up to 10 percent of Westerners have a thyroid problem that has most likely gone unrecognized. If you are experiencing any of the symptoms above your

doctor could send you to check your thyroid function through a blood test. Unfortunately, the test results may not be accurate. This is because test "averages" do not show how all of us are unique. Your individual thyroid hormone levels are not like anyone else's.

Thyroid tests will not give you an accurate indication of your ideal thyroid hormone level, because they are missing a critical piece of information which is your peak thyroid level when you were young and healthy. Should your thyroid test results indicate that you are in the "normal" range...say 5.5...but when you were younger you would have tested at a 9, then indeed, your thyroid is quite under active for you. At 5.5 you may feel very tired yet your doctor will tell you that your test results are "normal."

You can only truly compare you with you, and not a range of others. It would be ideal if we were tested when we were in our late teens and twenties and our peak levels were recorded at the top-most physical time in our life. Then, as we age, we could test ourselves again to ensure that our hormone levels remain at this peak level.

The second reason that the tests are often inaccurate is because they only show what your thyroid hormone levels are



on the day of testing. Your thyroid is a "tricky" organ to both diagnose and treat since its hormone levels fluctuate all the time. What you eat each day has a tremendous and immediate impact on it, and how much hormone it secretes.

A third reason for their inaccuracy is that the tests do not indicate if your thyroid hormone is actually entering your cells. Your thyroid may be manufacturing plenty of hormone but your cells can become resistant to the hormone and not able to utilize it. This condition is called Wilson's Syndrome. If you have low body temperature and some of the symptoms listed above you could have this condition.

In our clinic we see a lot of hypo or low functioning thyroids. The first solution is to put our patients on their metabolic or blood type food list. Because of today's diet, people will likely never experience outstanding thyroid health, unless they are encouraged to change their eating habits.

Your thyroid can be nourished better with a diet that includes the good fats (olive oil, pumpkinseed oil, real, unsalted

butter, cod liver oil, and egg yolks) and mineral-rich foods (dark green leafy vegetables, sea salt and ocean veggies). Supplements that help in building a strong thyroid are kelp and selenium.

Most thyroid patients are women and many with low progesterone are often misdiagnosed as thyroid deficiency. Thyroid and sex hormones each affect the other. We often attend women with bulging eyes, racing heartbeat, and a swollen neck by naturally stimulating their progesterone production. Adding zinc to your daily supplement routine is important for sexual health.

Irregular periods, often leading to needless hysterectomies, are unfortunate common aspects of hypothyroidism; and breast disease. Too little thyroid production may cause increased prolactin levels and persistent estrogen stimulation.

Prolactin is the hormone that stimulates the production of breast milk. Levels rise normally during pregnancy and breastfeeding. Abnormal changes in prolactin production can slow or stop your menstruation and you may find that you are producing milk from your breasts when you are not pregnant.

Get The Point! Your thyroid may not be working at its optimum if you are experiencing some of the symptoms mentioned above. If the guardian in your throat isn't handling the job anymore, maybe

it's time for a change of guard. Take control of your health by opening the door to diet and lifestyle changes. Don't settle for "averages." We are all different; we offer specialized hormone and other testing. Let us prepare a personal plan to fortify your health.

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Comcast speeding up its discounted Internet service

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AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Comcast is speeding up and expanding a discounted Internet service that was created to get more low-income people online. Comcast created the program four years ago as a condition of government approval of its purchase of NBCUniversal. The service costs \$10 a month, a quarter of Comcast's promotional price for a slightly faster Internet speed. But critics have said the service, called Internet Essentials, was too slow and its reach too limited. The latest upgrade doubles the current speed to up to

10 megabits per second. That lets you watch on-line video but is still below the benchmark for broadband, 25 megabits, set by the Federal Communications Commission. Internet Essentials had been limited to families of children who would qualify for the government's discounted school lunch program. Now Comcast is testing a program for low-income seniors, too. "The increasing of the speed is a step in the right direction," said Arturo Carmona, executive director of Presente, a Latino advocacy group that had fought Comcast's failed proposal to merge with Time Warner Cable. "The real test will be in assuring that actual families will benefit from this."

In a report last year, the California Emerging Technology Fund, a non-profit that advocates for broadband adoption, said signing up for Internet Essentials was a "long and cumbersome" process that can take up to three months. Comcast spokesman Charlie Douglas said some of the criticisms of the program are "quite old and have not been well-documented." Comcast says it's increasing the number of schools whose families are eligible for faster ap-



This Dec. 3, 2009 file photo shows signage outside the Comcast Center in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

NHL entrusting live-game app, cable network to baseball

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Hockey League is passing its digital puck to Major League Baseball in an unusual sports partnership.

Major League Baseball will distribute the hockey league's Internet streaming service and run the NHL's cable-television network as part of an alliance announced Tuesday.

Terms of six-year contact between the two sports leagues weren't announced.

The deal entrusts the baseball league with the NHL GameCenter app that allows fans to watch most hockey games live on smartphones, tablets and other Internet-connected devices. Annual subscriptions to the NHL app typically have cost \$160, though the pricing for the upcoming year wasn't announced Tuesday.

Major League Baseball is taking over the app rights from Neulion in January. The NHL's cable-TV network will operate from the Secaucus, New Jersey, headquarters of the MLB network. □

proval. Once a family is approved, Comcast can send a self-installation kit in three to five days. Philadelphia-based Comcast said Tuesday that more than 500,000 households have been Internet Essentials customers. That's up from 350,000 households about a year ago. About 20 percent of eligible households have signed up.

Other changes Comcast announced Tuesday included adding a free Wi-Fi router so families can connect their smartphones and other devices to a

home network and a pilot program for helping low-income seniors get Internet access in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Comcast said additional cities for testing the service for seniors will be announced in coming weeks. The service's expansion comes as the government is also pushing programs meant to help bridge the "digital divide." According to a recent report from the Pew Research Center, 97 percent of adults living in a household with annual income of \$75,000 and high-

er say they use the Internet. For households making less than \$30,000 a year, that number falls to 74 percent. The FCC wants to expand its Lifeline discounted phone program to include Internet service, while President Barack Obama last month unveiled a public-private partnership called ConnectHome, which aims to get low-income families discounted access to the Internet. The government had said ConnectHome will initially reach more than 275,000 low-income households. □

FDA clears first 3-D printed prescription drug

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first prescription drug made through 3-D printing: a dissolvable tablet that treats seizures.

Aprecia Pharmaceuticals said Monday the FDA approved its drug Spritam for adults and children who suffer from certain types of seizures caused by epilepsy. The tablet is manufactured through a layered process via 3-D printing and dissolves when taken with liquid.

The Ohio-based company says its printing system can package potent drug doses of up to 1,000 milligrams



This product image provided by Aprecia Pharmaceuticals shows Spritam 750 mg, foreground, and 1000 mg tablets.

Associated Press

into individual tablets. It expects to launch Spritam in the first quarter of 2016. The FDA has previously approved medical devices

— including prosthetics — made with 3-D printing. An agency spokeswoman confirmed the new drug is the first prescription tab-

let approved that uses the process.

Aprecia said in a statement it plans to develop other medications using its 3-D platform in coming years, including more neurological drugs. The company is privately owned. Doctors are increasingly turning to 3-D printing to create customized implants for patients with rare conditions and injuries, including children who cannot be treated with adult-size devices. The FDA held a workshop last year for medical manufacturers interested in the technology. □

Shire offers to buy Baxter drug spinoff for \$30B

NEW YORK (AP) — The Irish drugmaker Shire is offering to buy Baxalta for about \$30 billion in stock as it attempts to solidify its strengthening position in rare disease treatments. Shire first made its offer on July 10, a little more than a week after Baxalta was spun off from Baxter International Inc. Baxalta said Tuesday that the offer is too low and that accepting it would be

risky because it is in its early stages as a stand-alone company. Earlier this year, Shire said it would pay \$5.2 billion to acquire NPS Pharmaceuticals Inc., which specializes in drugs for rare conditions. Baxalta, a Deerfield, Illinois, company spun off by Baxter International Inc. in July, focuses on bleeding disorders. Treatments for rare diseases have become one

of the hottest areas of drug industry research in the past several years. The Food and Drug Administration approved a record 17 medicines for rare diseases last year, about one-third of all drugs. Several hundred more are in testing. The surge is being driven by tax breaks and other government financial incentives, patient advocacy groups raising money to help small companies start

research on treatments for their disease, and scientific advances such as the mapping of the human genome, which brought greater understanding of the mechanisms causing gene-based diseases. Drugmakers expect the medicines to be lucrative for them. For those recently approved, they've been asking sky-high prices: \$100,000 up to nearly a half-million dollars for a

Slump deepens for Apple on China worries, iPhone

BRANDON BAILEY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple is slumping as the usually high-flying tech stock struggles with the burden of raised expectations.

The world's most valuable public company saw its stock price drop for a fifth straight day on Tuesday, falling as much as \$5.19 or 4.4 percent, to \$113.25 as investors fretted over China's economy and whether Apple can keep growing at the pace it's maintained over the last few quarters.

Apple shares are down 14 percent since closing at a record \$133 in February. That puts Apple in a "correction," which is Wall Street jargon for price declines of 10 percent or more from a peak.

The stock also dropped below its 200-day moving average, a technical indicator that traders use to gauge momentum.

Apple sold more than 47 million of its signature iPhones in the last quarter, or 35 percent more than a year earlier. That drove the company's profit and earnings above Wall Street estimates. But iPhone sales were not quite as good as some analysts predicted, and executives gave a lukewarm forecast for the current period. That has sent the stock into a decline since Apple reported earnings on July 21.

Shareholders are also worried about recent hiccups in China's economy, because the country is viewed as one of Apple's biggest markets for expansion, said Daniel Ives, a managing director and senior analyst for FBR Capital Markets.

He added that investors are looking ahead to the December quarter, which is traditionally Apple's strongest. The company sold 74 million iPhones during that period last year, a 46 percent jump. But it will be more difficult for Apple to show that kind of growth again. □

Wall Street slide continues as earnings disappoint

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks fell for a third straight day Tuesday as investors assessed some disappointing earnings reports.

Allstate slumped to its big-

gest loss in more than five years after reporting a drop in profits that was worse than Wall Street analysts had been expecting. NRG Energy was another company that disappointed investors, reporting a loss, when analysts had been expecting a small profit. Stocks have been trading in a tight range for several weeks as investors wait to see if the economy strengthens sufficiently for the Federal Reserve to raise its benchmark interest rate for the first time in more than nine years.

While energy stocks have

plunged in response to falling oil prices, she noted, health care stocks are having another banner year. "Stocks haven't moved any place, but it's because there's been an equal mix of gainers and losers," says Jones. "What we're seeing is a back-and-forth market, not a doldrums market." The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 4.72 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,093.32. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 47.51 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,550.69. The Nasdaq composite fell 9.84 points,

or 0.2 percent, to 5,105.55. Allstate was among the biggest decliners in the S&P 500. The insurer dropped \$7.04, or 10 percent, to \$62.34 after reporting earnings that fell significantly short of analysts' expecta-

since closing at a record \$133 on Feb. 23. That puts Apple in a correction, Wall Street parlance for price declines of 10 percent or more from a peak. Almost 80 percent of the companies in the S&P 500 have now reported their second-quarter earnings, and average earnings for companies in the index are set to fall 0.2 percent. If earnings do end lower the quarter lower, once all companies have reported, it would be the first quarter in almost six years that corporations have failed to grow their profits.

Still, many analysts are predicting that earnings will recover in the second half of the year as the economy strengthens.

"This is an earnings stall, not an earnings decline," said Jeremy Zirin, head of investment strategy at UBS Wealth Management.

In energy trading, the price of oil rose Tuesday, partially reversing Monday's steep drop. U.S. crude rose 57 cents to close at \$45.74 a barrel in New York, regaining some of the \$1.95 it lost Monday. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, rose 47 cents to close at \$49.99 in London. Despite Tuesday's rebound in oil prices it is likely still too early to consider investing in oil stocks, said Anastasia Amoroso, a global market strategist at JPMorgan Funds. That's because they still haven't been able to adjust to the sharp drop in oil prices that started about a year ago. □



Traders George Baskinger, left, and Anthony Carannante, work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks fell for a third straight day Tuesday as investors assessed some disappointing earnings reports.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

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tions. The company said its earnings dropped because of more frequent and more severe auto accidents. NRG Energy dropped \$2.23, or 10 percent, to \$20.04. A slump in Apple's stock also weighed on the market. Apple dropped for a fifth straight day after falling below a closely followed level that traders use to gauge the momentum of a stock. The iPhone maker closed down \$3.80 at \$114.64 and has dropped 14 percent

Toyota's quarterly profit up 10% on cheap yen, cost cuts

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TOKYO (AP) — Toyota's profit for April-June rose 10 percent on perks from a cheap yen and cost reduction efforts that offset lower vehicle sales.

Toyota Motor Corp. had a fiscal first quarter profit of 646.3 billion yen (\$5.2 billion), up from \$587.7 billion a year earlier. Quarterly sales increased by 9 percent to

6.98 trillion yen (\$56.3 billion), the automaker said Tuesday.

But it sold about 127,000 fewer vehicles compared to last year, at 2.1 million vehicles during the quarter, as sales languished in Japan, other parts of Asia, and Europe. Vehicle sales were healthy in North America.

Toyota, the world's top automaker for the last three years, was outpaced by

Volkswagen AG of Germany in global vehicle sales for the first half of this year. The manufacturer of the Prius hybrid, Lexus luxury model and Camry sedan was hit by a major embarrassment recently when an American it promoted with great fanfare, as a sign of greater diversity at the company, was arrested in Japan on suspicion of drug law violations.

Julie Hamp, 55, who resigned from her post, was released without charges after nearly a month in custody. She was suspected of importing oxycodone, a narcotic pain killer. The drug is tightly controlled in Japan.

Toyota has announced a board member as her replacement, but has not announced another female senior executive.

Toyota President Akio Toyoda has said the company is on track toward sustainable growth, after having survived the 2011 tsunami disaster in Japan that crimped production, as well as massive recalls, especially in the U.S.

The Japanese automaker left its profit forecast unchanged at 2.25 trillion yen (\$18 billion) for the fiscal year through March 2016. □

CVS Health earnings rise despite dumping tobacco fix

TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

Pricey specialty drugs helped CVS Health cope with tobacco withdrawal and top analyst expectations in the second quarter. But the nation's second-largest drugstore chain also narrowed its full-year earnings outlook and issued a third-quarter forecast that fell short of Wall Street's expectations.

Its stock fell more than 3 percent in morning trading Tuesday. The Woonsocket, Rhode Island, company said that revenue from its biggest business, its pharmacy benefits management segment, jumped 12 percent in the second quarter to more than \$24 billion, spurred in part by specialty drugs.

These complex medications treat certain forms of cancer and hepatitis C, among other conditions. They often represent treatment breakthroughs but can cost considerably more than other prescriptions. Use of these drugs is soaring, and health insur-

ers, employers and other bill payers are relying more on companies like CVS Health to help restrain this growth.

Revenue from the company's retail drugstore segment inched up only 2 percent to \$17.2 billion in part because sales from the front-end of its stores, or the area outside the pharmacy, plunged 7.8 percent, at established locations.

CVS Health runs 7,870 drugstores. The front-end figure from those stores would have been flat if CVS hadn't pulled tobacco products from its shelves nearly a year ago. The drugstore chain actually helped profitability by dumping thin-margin tobacco products, but its executives knew they would take a sales hit because smokers often grab other products when they stop in for their next pack.

The company dropped tobacco anyway because it is trying to burnish its image as a health care services provider. The drug-



Photo shows a CVS/Pharmacy in Dormont, Pa. CVS Health reported quarterly financial results on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

store chain runs nearly 1,000 walk-in clinics in its stores and has bulked up on healthy foods and the number of health care and beauty products it provides. It also plans to expand its reach into health care with a \$1.9 billion deal to purchase the pharmacy and clinic business of the

retail giant Target Corp. CEO Larry Merlo told analysts that the Target deal helps expand his company's presence west of the Mississippi River "in a very, very capital efficient way," without having to build new stores.

Overall, CVS Health earnings rose 2 percent to

\$1.27 billion in the second quarter while revenue rose more than 7 percent to \$37.17 billion.

Adjusted earnings totaled \$1.22 per share, excluding costs tied to the Target deal and the company's pending \$10 billion acquisition of pharmaceutical distributor Omnicare. □

BMW earnings slip on China, costs for new models

DAVID McHUGH
AP Business Writer
FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— German luxury automaker BMW saw net profit slip 1 percent in the second quarter amid higher costs to bring out new vehicles and a tougher market in China, a major pillar of its profits.

The company said Tuesday that net profit fell to 1.75 billion euros (\$1.92 bil-

lion) from 1.77 billion euros in the April-June quarter of last year.

Munich-based BMW AG also said it sold a less profitable product mix containing more compact cars, which typically earn less per vehicle.

The profit margin before interest and taxes, a key earnings figure, fell to 8.4 percent in the quarter from a strong 11.7 percent

in the year-ago quarter.

Analysts say key BMW models such as the 5 Series and 7 Series sedans are nearing the end of their life cycle, which can hurt sales as customers see newer products from competitors. The company has already unveiled a new 7 Series, which will go on sale this fall.

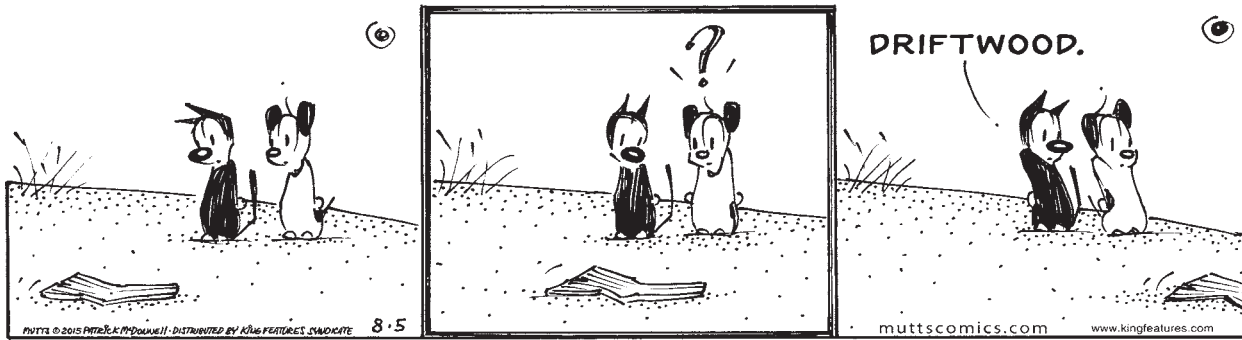
Renewing models is costly but pays off if the new

version sells better than its competitors. BMW faces tough competition for luxury car sales from Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen AG's Audi.

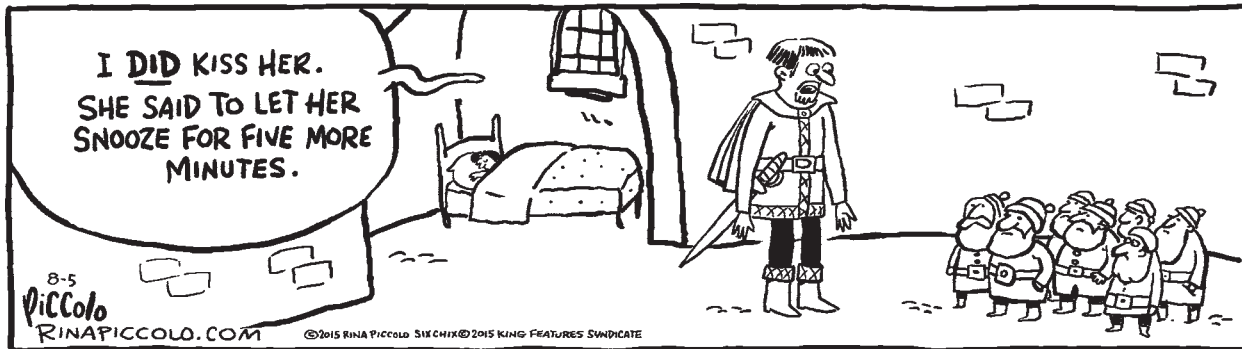
The company also cautioned that the Chinese market — a source of rich profits for German carmakers in the past several years — is "normalizing" and becoming more competitive. BMW sales

there slipped 1.4 percent in the quarter. Chinese economic growth has slowed in recent months. BMW's new CEO, Harald Krueger, said in a conference call that the company remains "positive about China for the medium- and long-term." Krueger took over May 13 from Norbert Reithofer, who became board chairman. □

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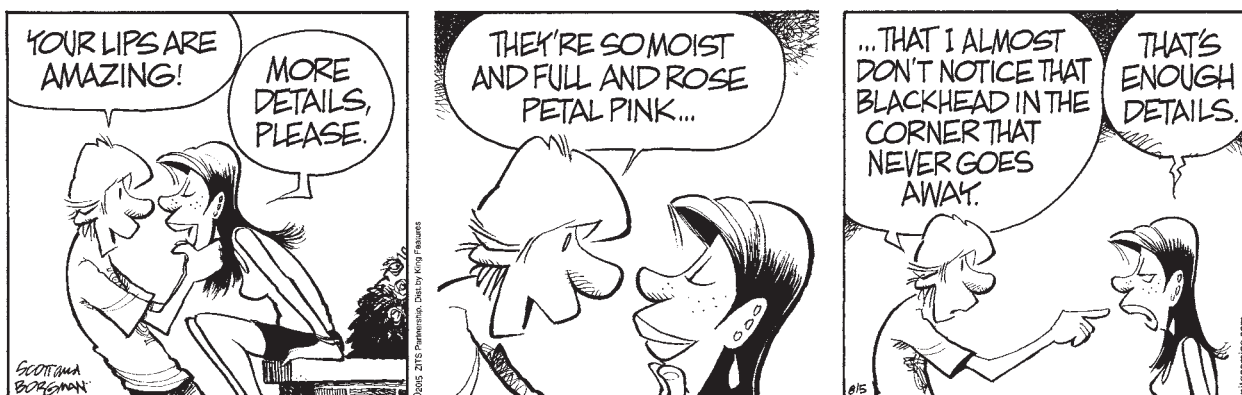
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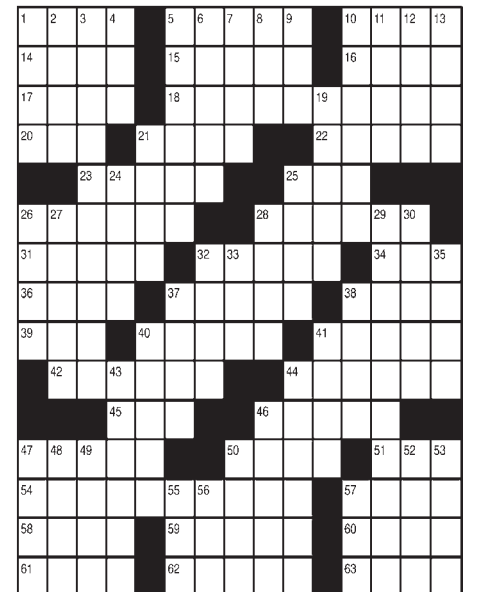
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- Hugo or Mature
- Removes potato skin
- Weaselly fellow
- Large tub
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- Last page of a calendar; abbr.
- Full of suds
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- Related; similar
- Mimicked
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- Lofty poems



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- "Evangeline" or "The Raven"
- Hilarious one
- Outer garment
- Specks
- Quarreling
- Contemplate
- Frenzy
- Q-tip, for one
- Pius X, for one
- Singles
- Jung or Reiner
- Small flute
- Colony insects
- Congressman's title; abbr.
- Zodiac sign
- Hustle & bustle

DOWN

- Comic Carvey
- Above

Debate line-up illustrates power of Fox News in GOP campaign

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And there's the guarantee of finding like-minded voters; 47 percent of voters who described themselves as "consistently conservative" said Fox was their main source of news about government and politics, according to a 2014 survey by the Pew Research Center. Of the people who watch Hannity's show, 78 percent described themselves as conservative, according to a 2012 Pew study. Sixty-five percent identified as Republican and 6 percent as Democrats.

"With the number of candidates we have, the gatekeeper becomes more powerful," Dowd said. "If there were only three or four candidates running, the power would be less." That's evident in the amount of attention paid to the rules for Thursday's debate. With the largest field of contenders in modern memory, Fox said that setting a cap on the size of the prime-time debate was necessary for a coherent event, yet some experts believe a failure to be included in the first tier could

itself deal a death blow to a candidacy. Republican pollster Frank Luntz told the AP last month that "if you're not on that stage, you're irrelevant, you don't matter." CNN's Sept. 16 debate will also have two separate tiers, although the two forums will run back-to-back. The network hasn't yet specified how many candidates will be in each.

Fox said that it determined participation by averaging the results of the five most recent national opinion polls done by nationally recognized organizations, not affiliated with a party or a candidate. Since the network didn't specify in advance the polls that it would be using, that led to grumbling that was encapsulated by Jon Stewart on "The Daily Show." "Basically, they're going to look at the polls and (Fox News Chairman) Roger Ailes is going to pick whoever he wants," Stewart said.

The network announced Tuesday that its decision was based on a combination of polls from CBS, Fox, Bloomberg News and Monmouth and Quinnipiac universities. □

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Drought could hurt endangered fish caught in water fight

BY TERENCE CHEA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIXON, Calif. (AP) -- California's historic drought could wipe out a tiny, endangered fish that's played an outsized role in the state's water wars.

The delta smelt lives in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, the West Coast's largest estuary that supplies water to Central Valley farms and millions of Southern California residents.

The silvery, finger-sized fish has been in trouble for years, but the four-year drought is helping to push the smelt to the brink of extinction. And it threatens several other native fish species, including the longfin smelt, green sturgeon and winter-run Chinook salmon.

In July, a key index of delta smelt abundance hit zero for the first time since the survey began in 1959.

Researchers found a handful of smelt, but the number was too small to register on the population gauge.

"The delta smelt is basically on its last legs right now. We'll be lucky if it survives the coming year," said Peter Moyle, a fish biologist at the University of California, Davis who has been studying the fish for four decades.

On a recent fish survey, Moyle and three other researchers trawled the turbid waters of the sprawling estuary that once teemed with the delta smelt.

They pulled a net out of the water and emptied dozens of fish into a plastic bin on their research boat. They logged and tossed back 13 species, including carp, crappie, catfish and striped bass - but no delta smelt.



In this Wednesday, July 15, 2015 photo, Luke Ellison, research supervisor at the University of California Davis Fish Conservation and Culture Lab, displays a Delta smelt that he has just placed an orange identification tag on for future study at the lab in Byron, Calif.

Associated Press

Delta smelt populations have been declining for decades due to invasive predators, pollution, habitat loss and increased water exports to farms and cities.

The drought has worsened conditions by reducing freshwater flows and raising water temperatures.

"The drought has basically made all the things that were bad for smelt worse," Moyle said.

The delta smelt has been at the center of vicious water fights between farmers, fishermen, cities and environmentalists ever since it was listed as a threatened species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act in 1993. It was listed as an endangered under state law in 2010.

The government has regularly cut water exports from the delta to protect the smelt and other threatened fish from being sucked into the giant pumps that send

water south. The last cuts related to delta smelt were in February 2013, said Steve Martarano, a spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Scientists and environmentalists say the sensitive fish needs protection because it's a key indicator of the delta's health, but farmers say too much precious water has been wasted on the fish - water that could be used to grow crops and fill reservoirs.

Stanislaus County almond grower Jim Jasper, who relies on delta water to irrigate his orchards, was a part of a lawsuit that challenged the federal wildlife service over delta smelt protections.

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected their appeal earlier this year, leaving the water restrictions in place.

Last year, Jasper pulled out 400 acres of almond trees - about one-fifth of his orchards - because he

couldn't get enough water to irrigate them, reducing his almond production and forcing him to cut employee work hours.

Standing next to the irrigation canal that delivers water from the delta, Jasper said endangered

species protections have worsened the agricultural impacts of the drought.

"The delta smelt continues to wrack a lot of havoc on today's farming community," said Jasper, who runs Steward & Jasper Orchards, the Newman, California-based almond company his father co-founded in 1948.

"If it became extinct would anybody's lives change? I really don't think so."

The UC Davis Fish Conservation and Culture Laboratory in Byron may be the last place where you can still find large numbers of delta smelt.

The hatchery was recently awarded a \$10 million federal grant to continue its work breeding the smelt in captivity for scientific research and to ensure its survival if the species vanishes from the wild.

"One of our most important projects is to maintain a refuge population of this species," said Tien-Chieh Hung, the lab's director. "We may be the place that holds the most delta smelt in the world." □

Israel-British project makes Hebrew texts available online

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JERUSALEM (AP) — One of the oldest surviving Hebrew manuscripts, a bible dating back more than 1,000 years, will soon be available online in a joint project with The British Library in London, the National Library of Israel said Monday. Aviad Stollman, the library's chief of collections, said the Gaster Bible would go online as part of a project to digitize all of the 3,200

rare Hebrew manuscripts at The British Library.

The National Library of Israel has partnered with the British Library in London to digitize its entire Hebrew manuscript collection, considered one of the largest and most significant in the world.

Most of the manuscripts date back to the Middle Ages and the Renaissance era and include rare texts of Hebrew literature, prayer books, bibles. □

Tween series 'Project Mc2' puts smart girls in the spotlight

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Yes, it's true. Women do run the world," the head of a females-only spy agency tells four schoolgirl recruits in "Project Mc2," Netflix's new series for tweens.

As if.

But spinning reality isn't the show's intent. Instead, it seeks to encourage girls to do the math and realize they are capable of succeeding in the male-dominated fields of science and technology.

That lofty aspiration is wrapped in the lively, goofy fun of "Project Mc2," about four girls who join forces with intelligence chief The Quail, played by actress and real-life math whiz and author Danica McKellar ("The Wonder Years").

In the three-episode "Project Mc2," available Friday on Netflix in the United States and 50-plus other

countries, the fledgling teenage spies are smart, stylish and far from social geeks. The target audience: viewers age 7 to 12, the so-called "tween" demographic, and a second season is planned.

"It's really aspirational," said executive producer Shauna Phelan. "It shows you can be smart and cool. You can be smart and funny. You can be smart and stylish and those things are not mutually exclusive in an individual." "It would be amazing if we had a younger demographic look at these girls and realize, 'I love these supersmart girls and I want to be like them,'" Phelan said.

Consider it a pop culture contribution to academic efforts to engage girls and young women in the disciplines known by the acronym "STEM," for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The series' diverse cast includes Victoria Vida, Genneya Walton, Ysa Penarejo and Mika Abdalla as the intrepid quartet called on to rescue a royal — but not a princess.

"Our damsel in distress is a prince on a civilian flight to space. So we flipped the paradigm there, where we have four smart girls saving the boy," Phelan said.

For McKellar, "Project Mc2" adds up to a passion project. The summa cum laude graduate with a bachelor's degree in math has written best-selling books to help youngsters conquer its hurdles.

"This is what I want girls to see more of. Instead of imagining, 'I'm one of these vapid models I see on the covers of magazines, or reality stars,'" McKellar said, she'd like youngsters to envision themselves striding down Wall Street in "4-inch heels and going to a high-pow-



This photo provided by Netflix shows Ysa Penarejo, Genneya Walton and Victoria Vida in a scene from "Project Mc2."

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ered job."

"Being smart means you're in control of your life," she said.

Entertainment is the show's first goal, but a consultant was brought in to ensure the accuracy of the science the young agents dabble in, Phelan said. Writer Jordana Arkin went one better, vetting the show's espionage angles

with a friend who's ex-CIA. The action and the science are lighthearted: In one scene, the girls dust for fingerprints with a concoction made from kitchen ingredients.

"Project Mc2" offers something else for tweens: a serialized story, not stand-alone episodes.

"They can even binge-watch," Phelan said. □

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The 'Fantastic Four' try to get their franchise footing

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The "first family of Marvel" has had some growing pains. While Marvel's X-Men and the Avengers have built their big screen empires into well-oiled billion dollar franchises, the Fantastic Four have floundered with never-was and the never-should-have-been adaptations. First there was the Roger Corman-produced film that was killed before it hit theaters in 1994, and then two critically loathed, but decently profitable attempts in the mid-2000s with future Captain America Chris Evans as the Human Torch.

The Fantastic Four are among Marvel's longest-running series and most beloved groups. Created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, the scientists-turned-superheroes were relatable and wry in their interactions as a team — even when they weren't fighting supervillains. When it debuted in November 1961, it was a refreshing revelation that helped inform the Marvel voice and set a path for Iron Man and Spider-Man. The family aspect is derived

from the brother and sister pairing of Sue and Johnny Storm, the bond between the four after they get

Spider-Man reboots, Fox is trying again to resurrect the first family with a cast of fresh faces in Miles Teller,

sleeper hit that can make a novice filmmaker's name in Hollywood. Produced for a mere \$12 million by

a modern take on the comics."

Teller, who has been transitioning between the indie and studio world with roles in "Whiplash" and the "Divergent" films was intrigued by the opportunity to be part of something this size. He'd also been impressed with "Chronicle."

"(Trank) talked about the body horror of it and how these kids were going to have to deal with this trauma before they could harness it. Before they could combat evil Doctor Doom, they were going to have to transition to that place. I was interested in the transition of it," said Teller.

Late game reshoots caused some speculation that the film had problems. But, reshoots are fairly standard for big films. "Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation" and "Mad Max: Fury Road" are just two examples from this year of films that required them and ended up working for critics and audiences in the end. It was mostly a headache getting the cast — all of whom were off shooting other films — into the same room.

In the midst of this, eyebrows were further raised after Trank's mysterious no-show at the fan event Star Wars Celebration, and his subsequent abrupt departure from the "Star Wars" anthology film he had been slated to direct. His statement referenced wanting time to "pursue some original creative opportunities."

Though Trank did appear at Comic-Con, he's not been a fixture on the promotional circuit for "Fantastic Four," and was not made available for this article.

The cast are both diplomatic and unspecific about Trank, citing his vision, his intensity and his preciseness as a director. "From 'Chronicle' to 'Fantastic Four' he had the workload quadruple. 'Chronicle' is not an (Intellectual Property). There were no boundaries to the world that he could create," said Jordan. □



In this Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015 photo, actors Jamie Bell, from left, Kate Mara, Miles Teller and Michael B. Jordan pose for a portrait in promotion of their role in the upcoming film "Fantastic Four," in New York. The movie releases in U.S. theaters on Aug. 7, 2015.
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powers, and the fact that Sue and Reed Richards eventually become Marvel's most stable couple. But the movies have yet to get them right, or devise a structure to introduce them to fans and potential fans. So much like Sony's two

Michael B. Jordan, Kate Mara, and Jamie Bell, and a promising but essentially untested director at the helm in Josh Trank. The film opens Friday. Trank's breakout, the found footage sci-fi thriller "Chronicle" was the kind of

Fox, "Chronicle" ended up making \$126 million worldwide in 2012.

It would also be the unintentional tryout that made Trank a no-brainer to revive the thematically similar "Fantastic Four." Fox set Simon Kinberg, who'd already succeeded in helping craft the worlds of "X-Men: First Class" and "X-Men: Days of Future Past," to produce and co-write the origin story.

Trank cast his "Chronicle" star Jordan as Johnny Storm/Human Torch, who suggested his "That Awkward Moment" co-star Miles Teller for the part of the genius scientist Reed Richards/Mister Fantastic. Mara and Bell came aboard too as Sue Storm/Invisible Woman and Ben Grimm/The Thing and they were off, each knowing that success could mean a multi-film, multi-year commitment.

Bell said Trank promised his cast a "small, human approach" to the larger-than-life story about a these humans who get superpowers after a violent accident. Mara said she latched on to the proposed tone and his ambitions to make a "completely different and

Publisher moves up Trump bio from early next year to October

NEW YORK (AP) — With Donald Trump still leading in Republican presidential polls, the publisher of a biography that features interviews with the real estate mogul is moving up the release date from early next year to this fall.

St. Martin's Press announced Tuesday that it has set an Oct. 6 sale date for Michael D'Antonio's "Never Enough: Donald Trump and the Pursuit of Success." According to St. Martin's, the book draws on "multiple exclusive" conversations with Trump, and interviews with some of his children and with ex-wives Ivana Trump and Marla Maples.

Trump's candidacy has revived interest in some



In this July 30, 2015 file photo, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks to the media during a news conference on the first day of the Women's British Open golf championship on the Turnberry golf course in Turnberry, Scotland.
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of his own books, including "Time to Get Tough" and "Trump: The Art of the

Deal." Both books were out of stock Tuesday on Amazon.com. □

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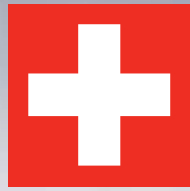
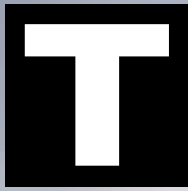


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